

# DROUGHT CHIC

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WE USED  
THREE  
HUNDRED  
GALLONS  
LAST  
MONTH.

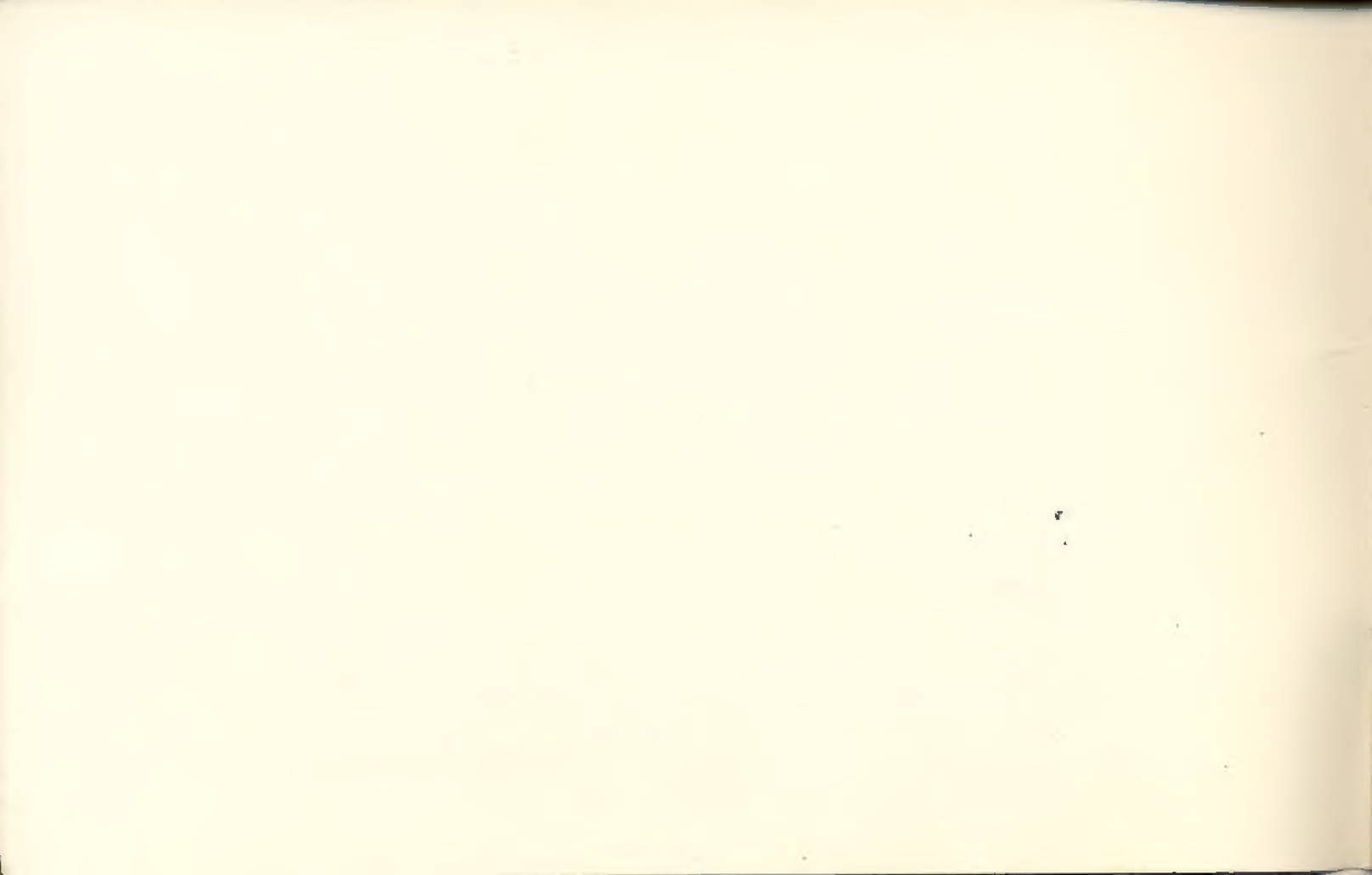
WE DON'T USE  
ANYTHING  
NEAR OUR  
QUOTA.

TWO HUNDRED  
GALLONS FOR  
FIVE PEOPLE?

FLUSH WITH  
BATHWATER.

I BRUSH MY  
TEETH EVERY  
OTHER DAY.







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I PUT A  
BRICK IN THE  
TOILET TANK.

I FILLED THE  
BATHTUB WITH  
BRICKS!

I BRICKED  
OVER THE  
BATHROOM!

SPINKY'S FUR IS SO DRAB!  
I'VE HAD TO CUT HIS SHAMPOOS  
TO ONCE A WEEK.

I HATE  
SHOWERS!  
THE WATER  
NEVER REACHES  
MY CREVICES.



# DROUGHT

I'VE BEEN CRAVING  
ICE CUBES.

WHO'S THE GOOD  
LOOKING MAN IN  
THE PIERRE CARDIN  
SUIT?

OUR  
PLUMBER.

...SO IF WE CAN'T  
GO TO THE DESERT,  
THE DESERT WILL  
COME TO US.

MY ROSES  
ARE IN  
SHOCK!



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I THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS THE WAY PEOPLE ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING INCONVENIENCED BY THE WATER SHORTAGE.

OH BOY, THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.

WHY THERE'S SO MUCH WASTE IN THIS COUNTRY AS IT IS.

THOSE IRS BOYS ALMOST NAILED ME THIS TIME.

WE COULD EASILY CUT OUR WATER USE IN HALF BY INSTALLING WATERLESS TOILETS.

I DON'T THINK THAT AGENT BELIEVED ME WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT WEEKEND IN THE BAHAMAS WAS A BUSINESS TRIP.

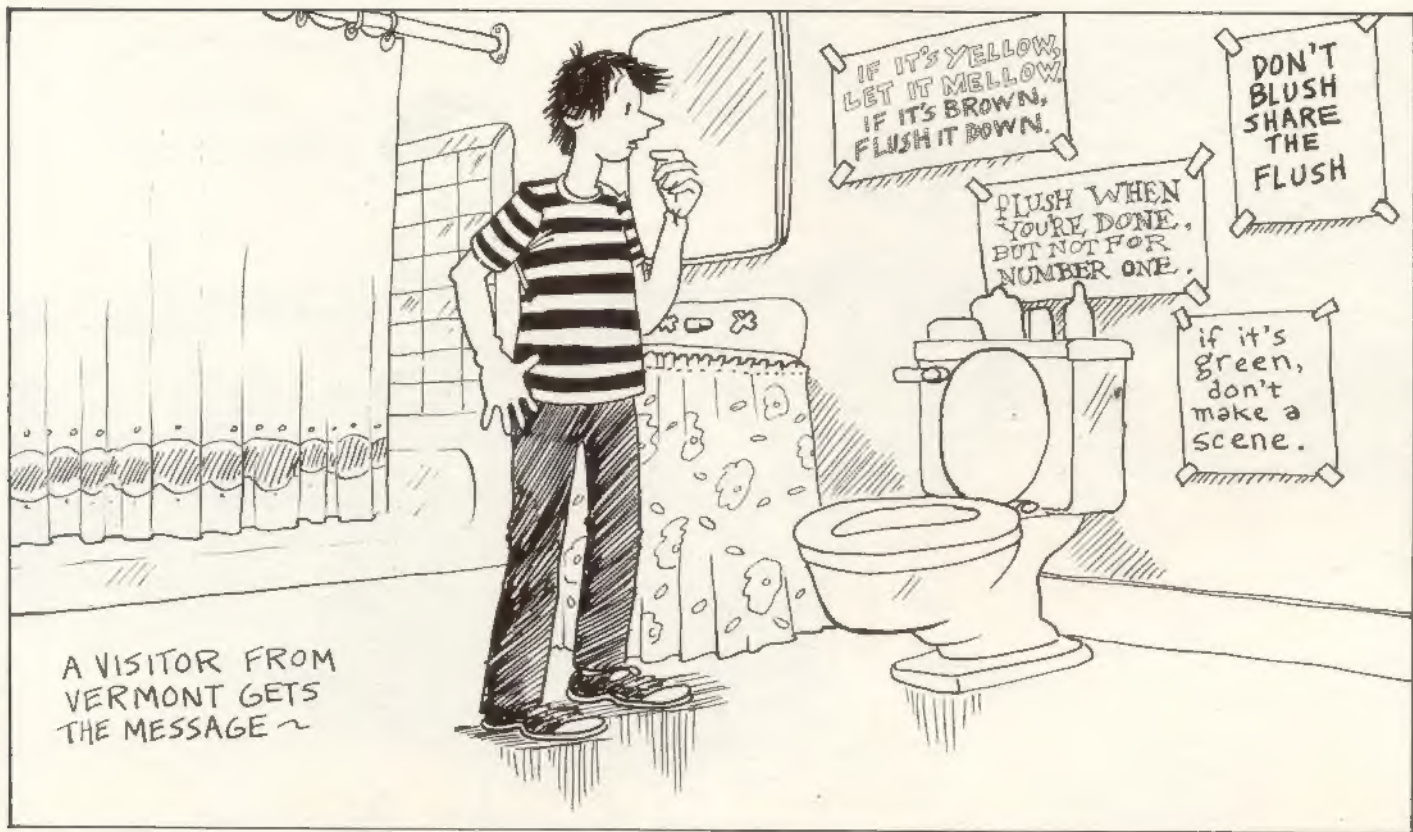
NOT ONLY WOULD WE SAVE THE FIVE GALLONS IT TAKES TO FLUSH A STANDARD JOHN...

'GLAD HE LET IT SLIDE... I'M TOO SMALL TIME TO GET AWAY WITH A BRIBE.

...BUT WE'D ALSO HAVE THAT MARVELOUS BY PRODUCT... RICH, FERTILE, ROTTED MANURE.

'BETTER BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE.

SAY GEORGE, DON'T YOU THINK THIS DROUGHT SCARE IS A LOT OF MANURE?



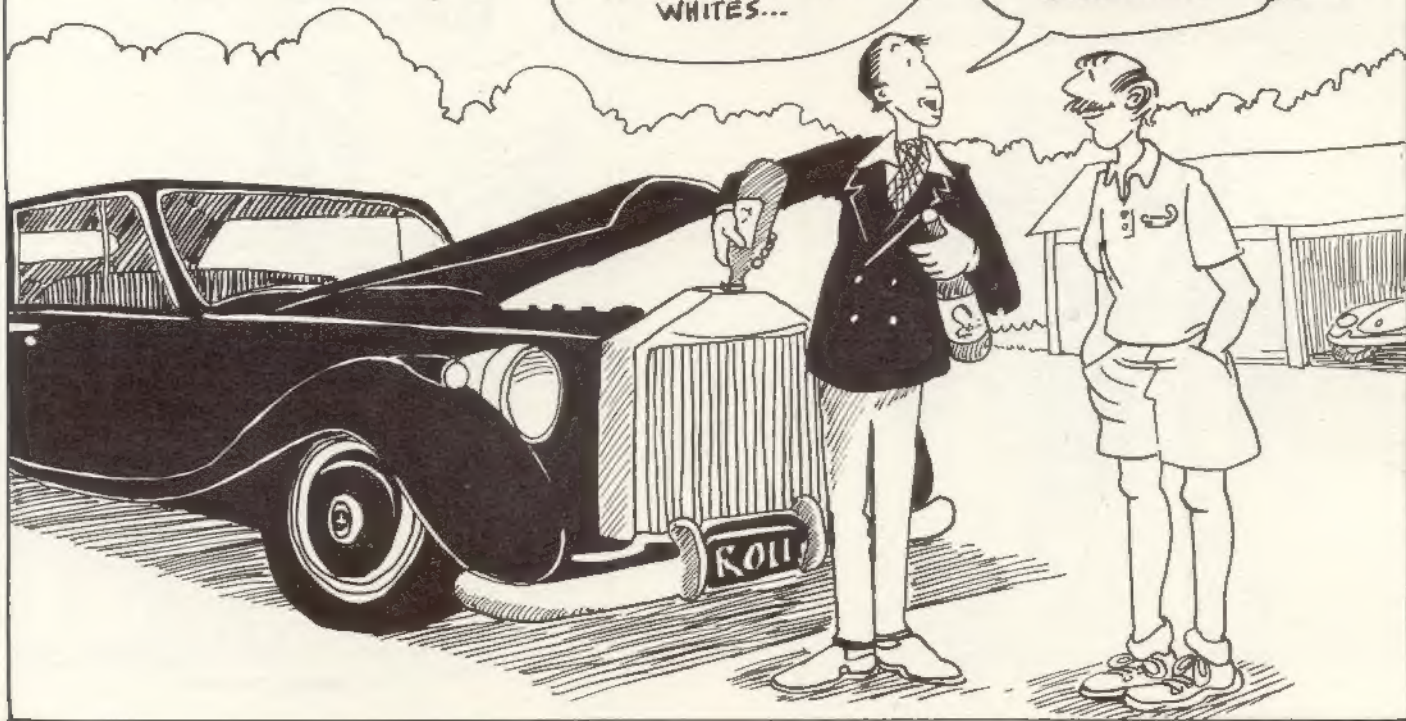
A VISITOR FROM  
VERMONT GETS  
THE MESSAGE ~





MY MERCEDES  
SEEMS TO DO ALL  
RIGHT ON THE DRY  
WHITES...

...BUT MY ROLLS PREFERS  
A FULL BODIED  
BURGUNDY.



I CAN SEE IT NOW...  
HUGE, GHOSTLY, DUST STORMS  
LOOMING OVER MOUNT TAMALPAIS...  
THE WAILING OF THIRSTY  
CHILDREN...



SHRIEKING MOTHERS WHO  
SQUEEZE THEIR WITHERED  
BREASTS FOR ONE LAST  
DROP OF MILK.



...DOGS GONE  
WILD...

CHAOS IN  
THE CITY...



... AND SOME PEOPLE WOULD  
STILL BE WATERING THEIR  
LAWNS!







WE FLY TO HAWAII  
FOR SHOWERS.





SOMETIMES I THINK THERE'LL BE NO  
END TO THIS WATER SHORTAGE.

JUST LIKE INFLATION AND THE  
FUEL CRUNCH, IT'S THE BEGINNING  
OF THE END!

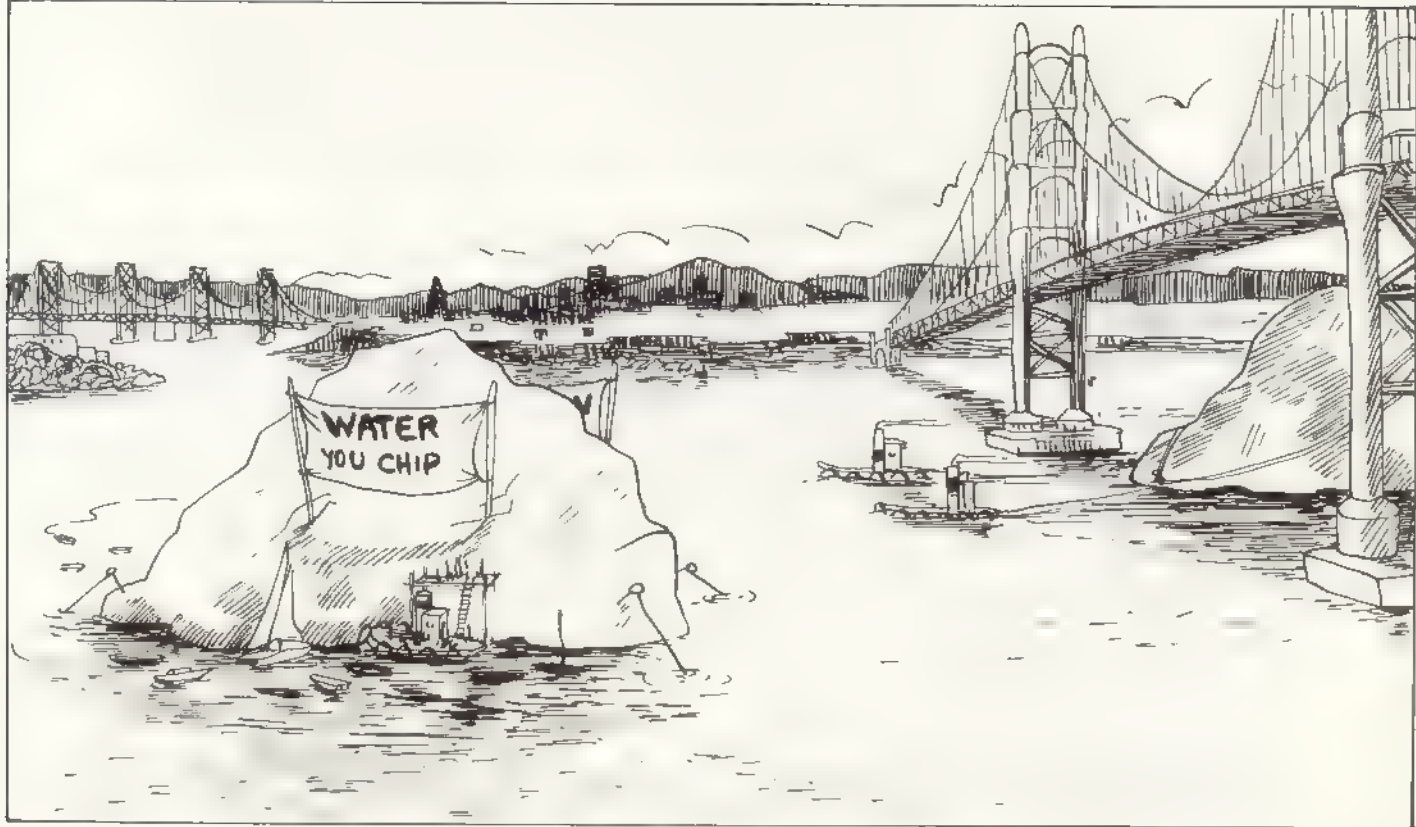
TOO MANY PEOPLE USING TOO  
MANY OF THE EARTH'S  
RESOURCES... AND MORE BABIES  
BEING BORN EVERY DAY.

THE RISE IN THE PRICE OF  
MEAT IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY  
THE RISING CRIME RATE.

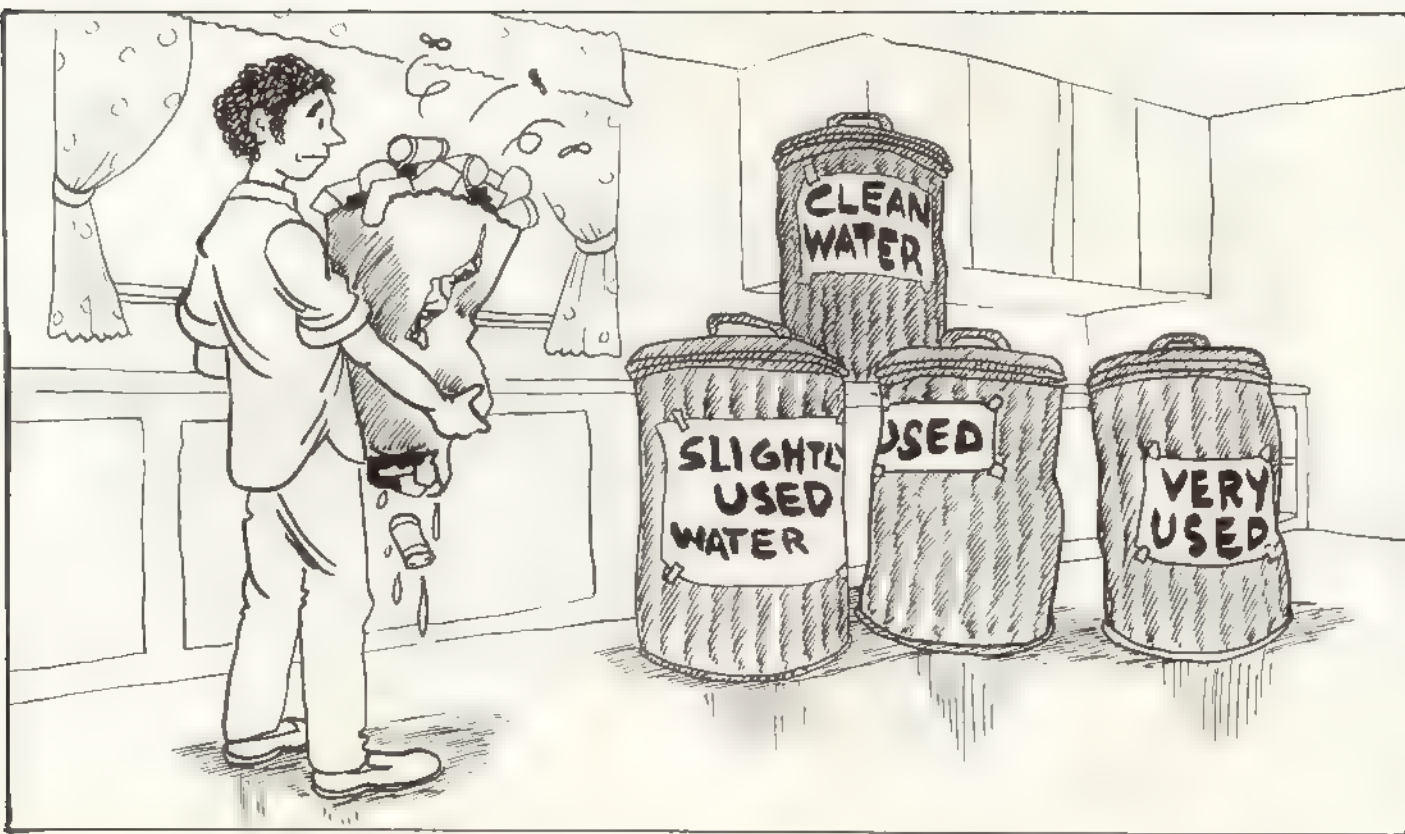
IF WE DON'T MURDER ONE  
ANOTHER, WE'LL, AT LEAST  
DRIVE EACH OTHER CRAZY.

GRACIOUS JOHN, HOW CAN YOU  
TALK LIKE THAT ON A BEAUTIFUL  
DAY LIKE THIS?













GOSH, JUDY, I REMEMBER  
THE DAYS WHEN THE  
WATER LEVEL WAS  
UP TO HERE.





THE RECIEVING LINE  
WILL BE THERE.



AND THE PORTA-POTTY  
WILL BE OVER THERE.

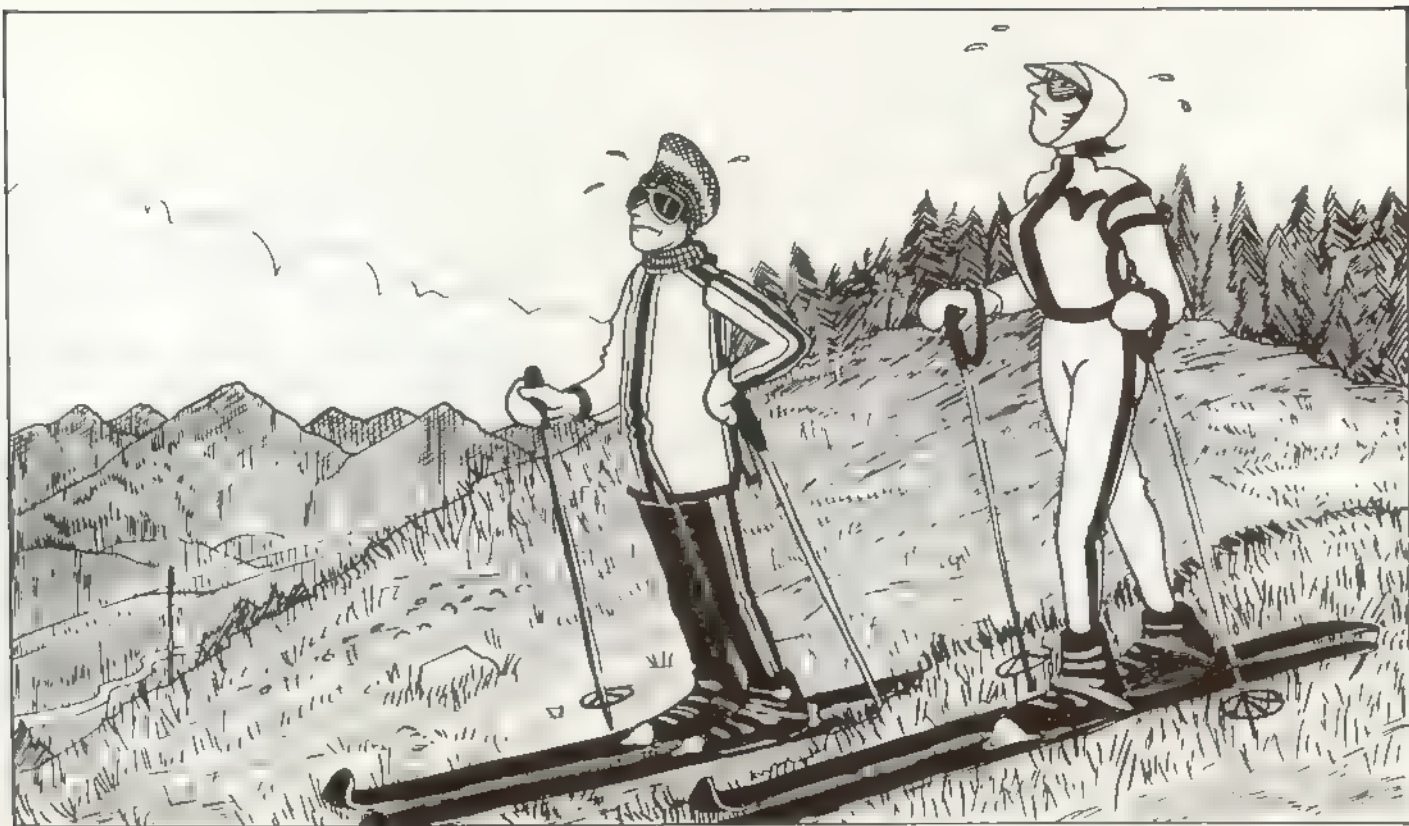




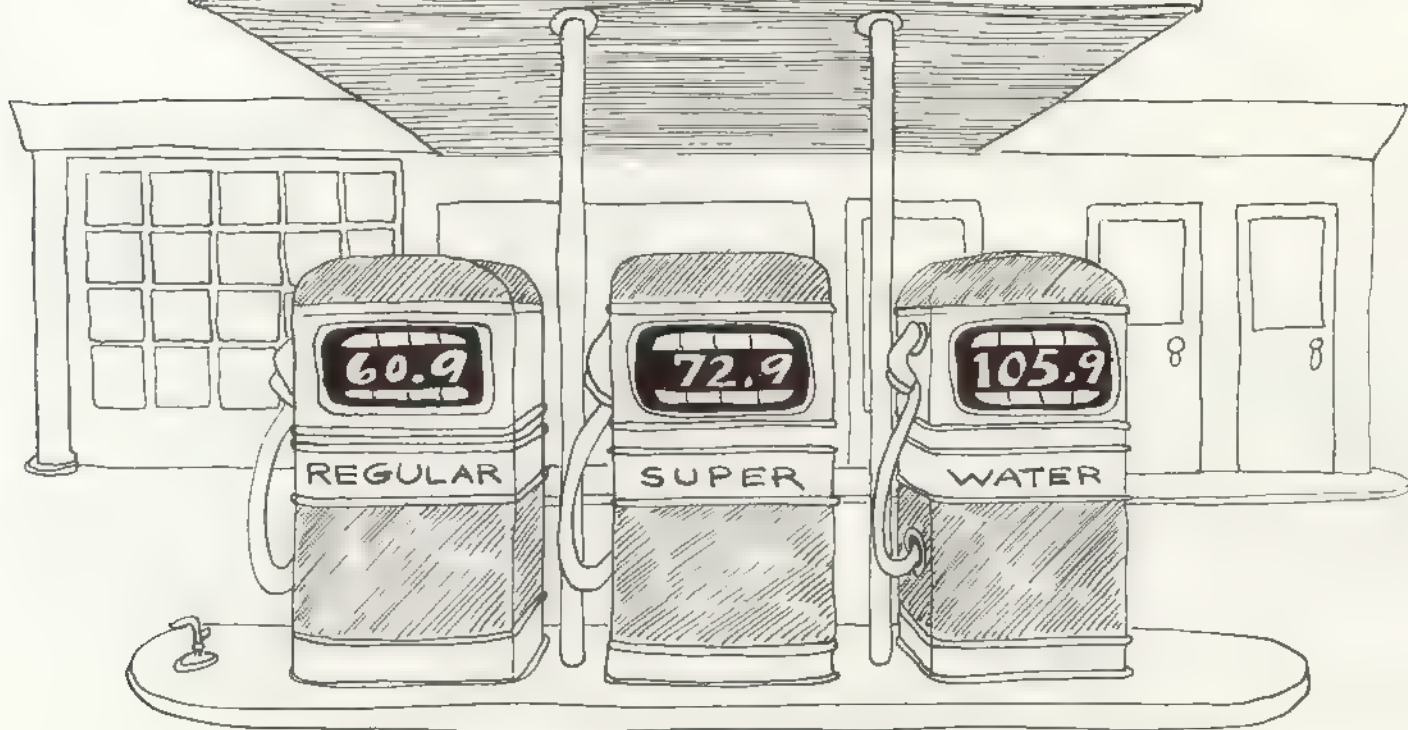
WOW! WE ONLY  
USED EIGHT HUNDRED  
GALLONS THIS MONTH!

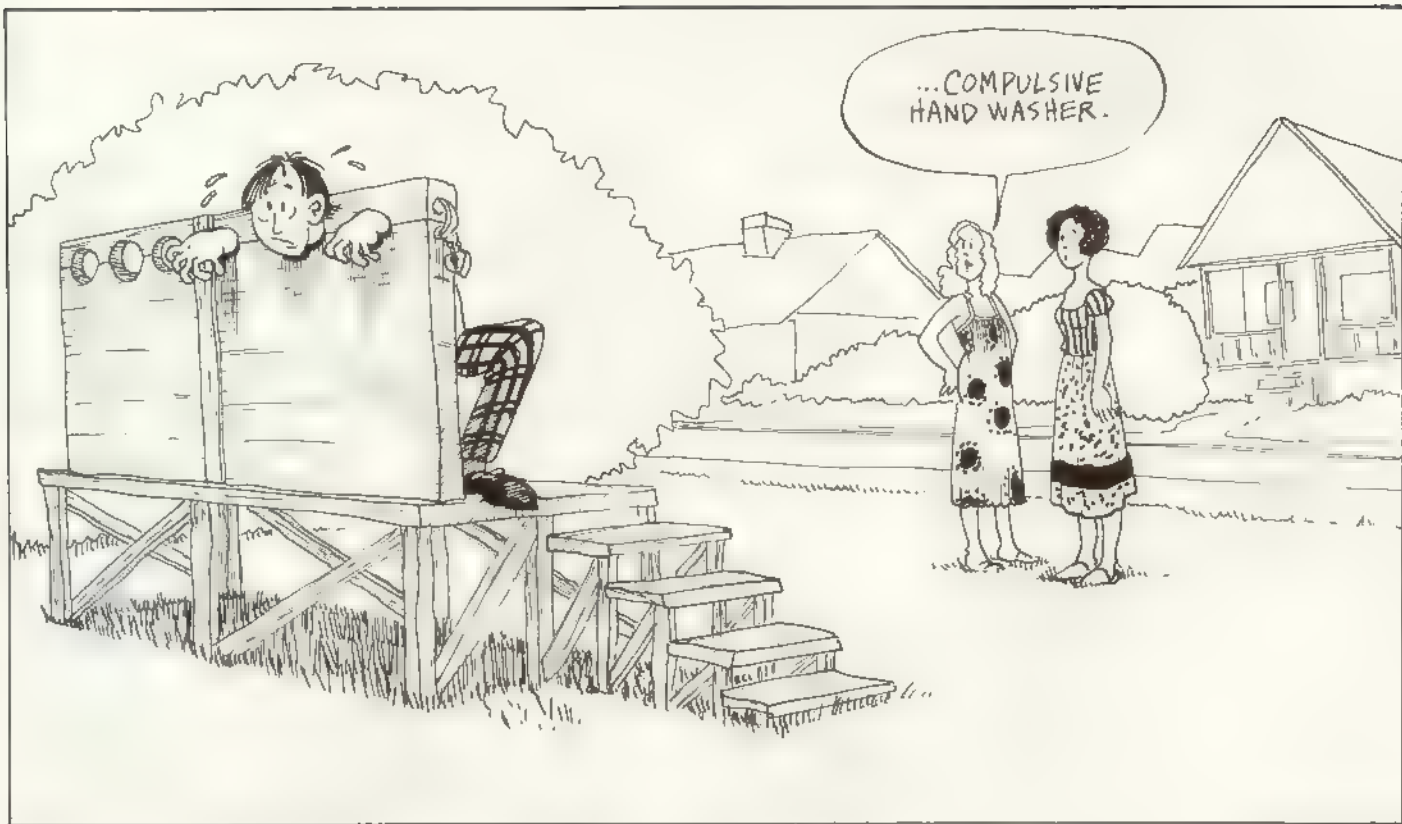
CAN WE WASH  
OUR **CLOTHES**  
NOW ?





# STEVE'S SERVICE STATION





...COMPULSIVE  
HAND WASHER.



YOU KNOW THOSE SIGNS THAT ALL  
THE RESTAURANTS HAVE? "WATER  
ON REQUEST ONLY"?



WELL, THEY SAY IT'S BECAUSE IT TAKES  
FIVE GLASSES OF WATER TO WASH  
ONE GLASS.



...OF COURSE, THE OWNERS AREN'T  
**UNHAPPY** THAT MORE THIRSTY  
PEOPLE ARE PAYING TO DRINK  
SODAS AND WINES.



SO LAST NIGHT, I ORDERED WATER,  
AND YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT  
HAPPENED WHEN I ASKED FOR A  
**REFILL!**

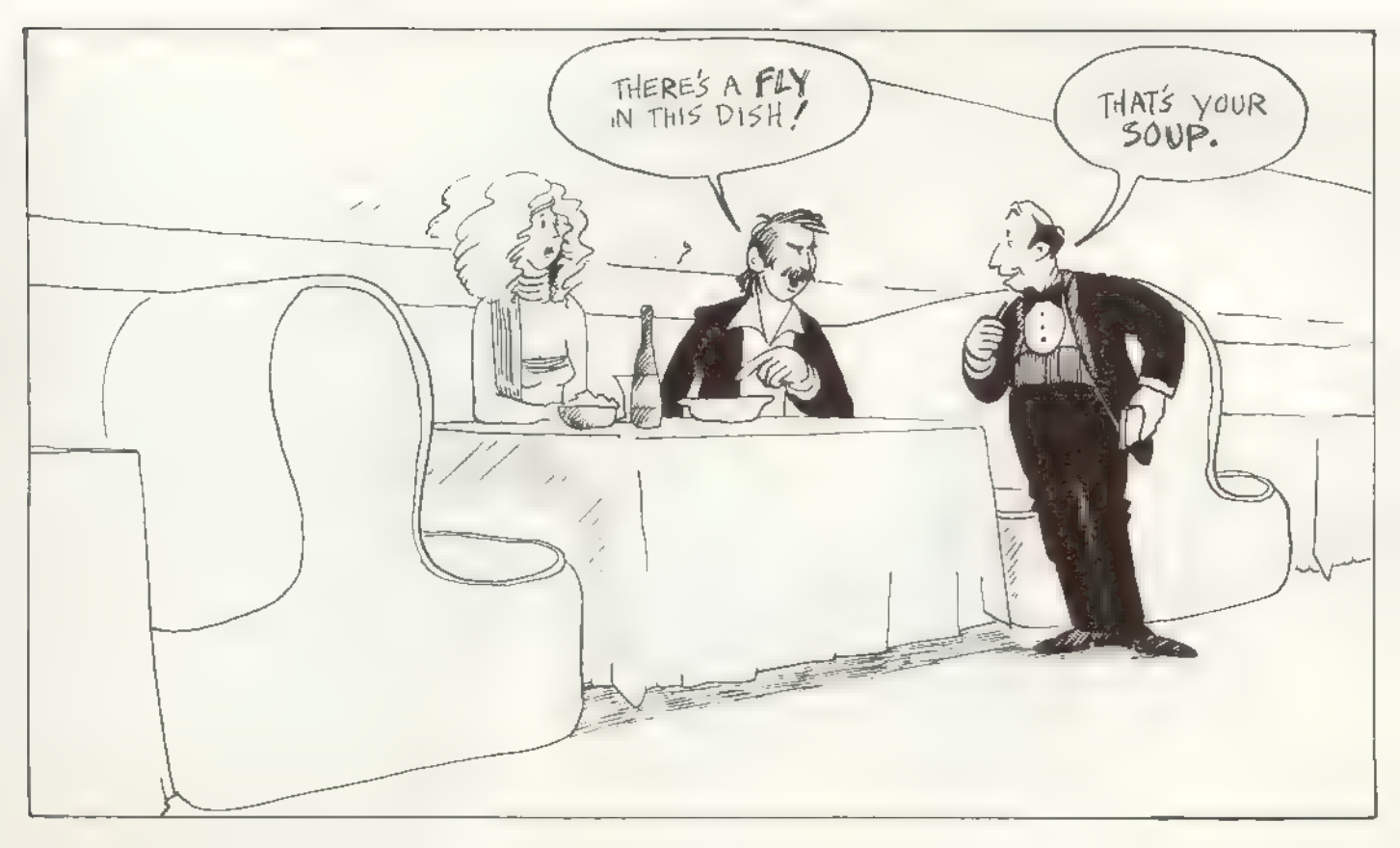


THE WAITER BROUGHT ME AN  
**ENTIRELY NEW GLASS!**



MY! THAT'S ALOT OF EXTRA  
WORK FOR THE WAITER,  
ISN'T IT?





THERE'S A FLY  
IN THIS DISH!

THAT'S YOUR  
SOUP.

IT'S A HIDEOUS SCHEME  
CONCOCTED BY THE CIA.  
TO COVER UP MASSIVE  
CONTAMINATION OF OUR  
RESERVOIRS BY SECRET  
BACTERIOLOGICAL  
WEAPONS TESTING.

UFO'S HAVE DISPLACED  
VAST QUANTITIES OF  
WATER IN OUR LAKES  
BECAUSE THEIR COOLING  
SYSTEMS REQUIRE  
THAT THEY LAND IN  
LARGE BODIES  
OF LIQUID.

'GOT TO  
TRANSFER  
TO BRITISH  
COLUMBIA.

DROUGHT  
ON CAMPUS





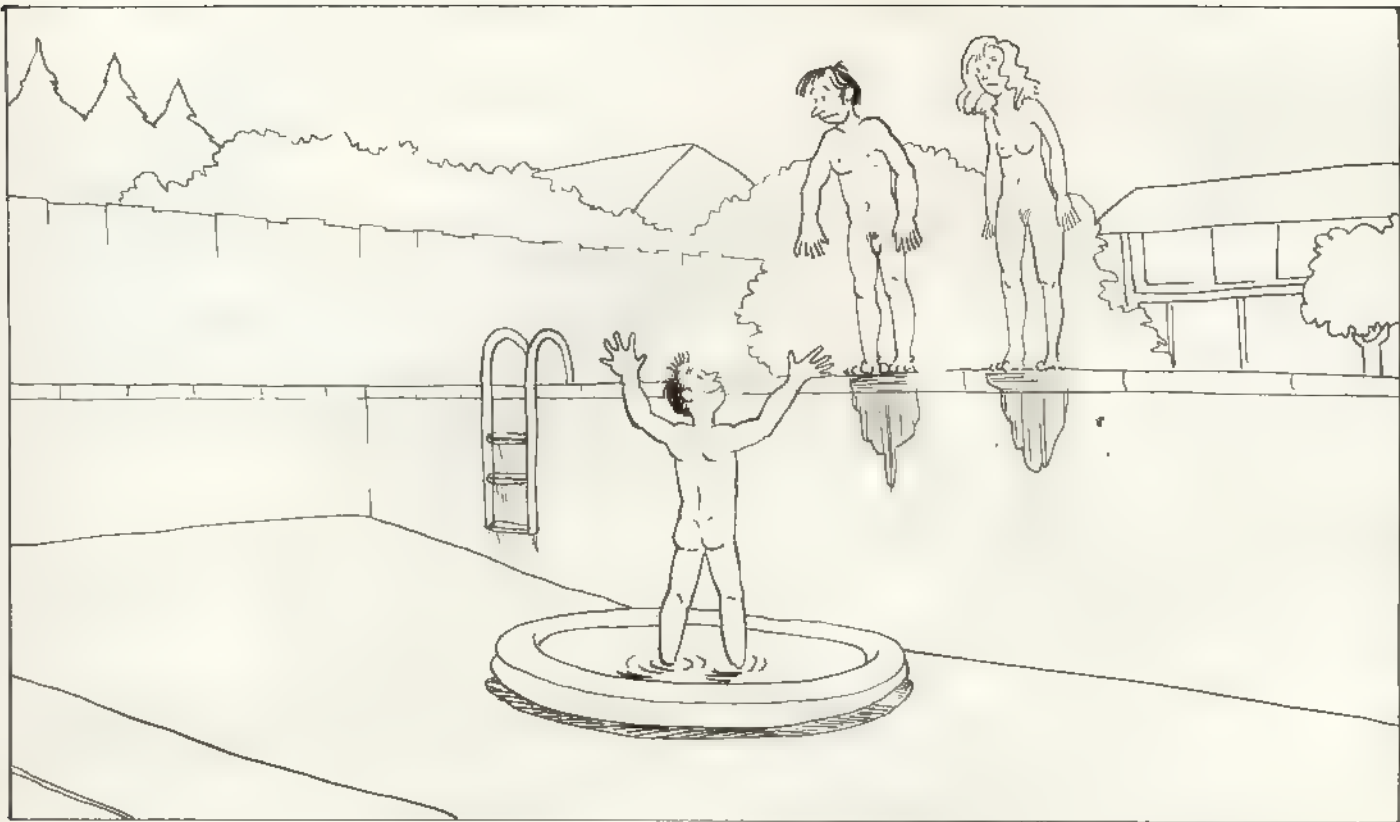


I SEE A TALL, GOOD  
LOOKING MAN WITH AN  
ARTESIAN WELL IN HIS  
BACKYARD.









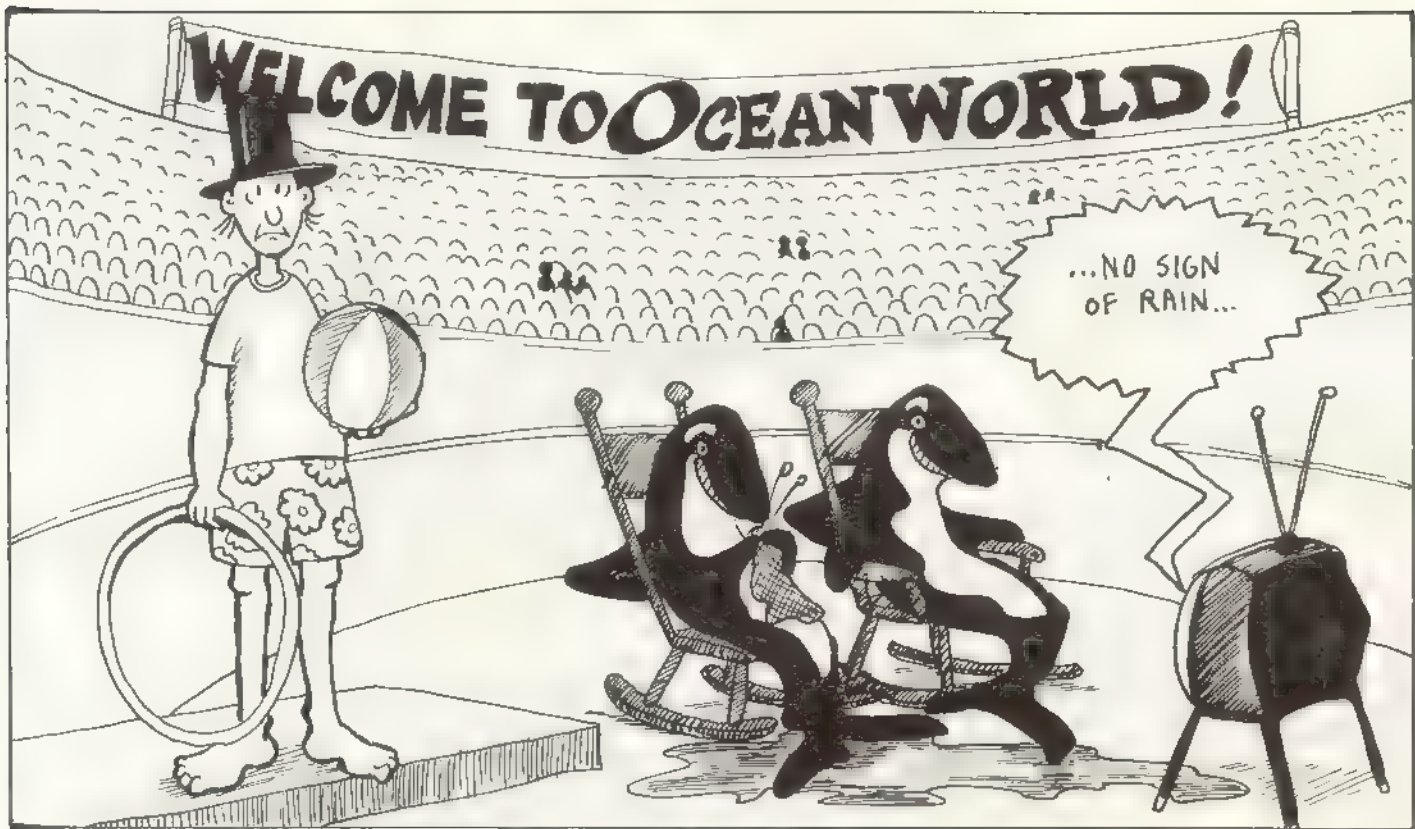






# WELCOME TO OCEAN WORLD!

...NO SIGN  
OF RAIN...



ISN'T IT AWFUL THE WAY THOSE  
BUREAUCRATS SAY WE'RE  
NOT USING ENOUGH WATER!

WONDER WHEN THE  
NEXT EARTHQUAKE  
WILL HIT.

WHAT BAD TIMING! . JUST WHEN WE  
WERE REACHING PEAK  
COOPERATION.

I BET THIS HOUSE IS  
RIGHT ON TOP OF  
A FAULT.

I WONDER IF THE WATER DEPARTMENT  
WOULD REALLY DARE TO RAISE OUR  
RATES IF CONSUMPTION ISN'T  
INCREASED.

THOSE BEAMS  
DON'T LOOK TOO  
SOUND.

WATER OUR LAWN, INDEED,...

IS THAT  
LAMP  
SWAYING?

WHY, I COULD JUST CRY WHEN I THINK  
OF THE THIRSTY GARDENS IN  
MARIN COUNTY.

I'VE GOT TO  
RELAX


WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU,  
BUT NOW THAT WE CAN USE ALL THE  
WATER WE WANT, I'M GOING TO TAKE  
A LONG, HOT, SHOWER!

WELL, MOM, I GUESS THE  
BIG NEWS AROUND OUR  
HOUSE IS...

WE USED ONLY SIX HUNDRED  
GALLONS OF WATER  
LAST MONTH!

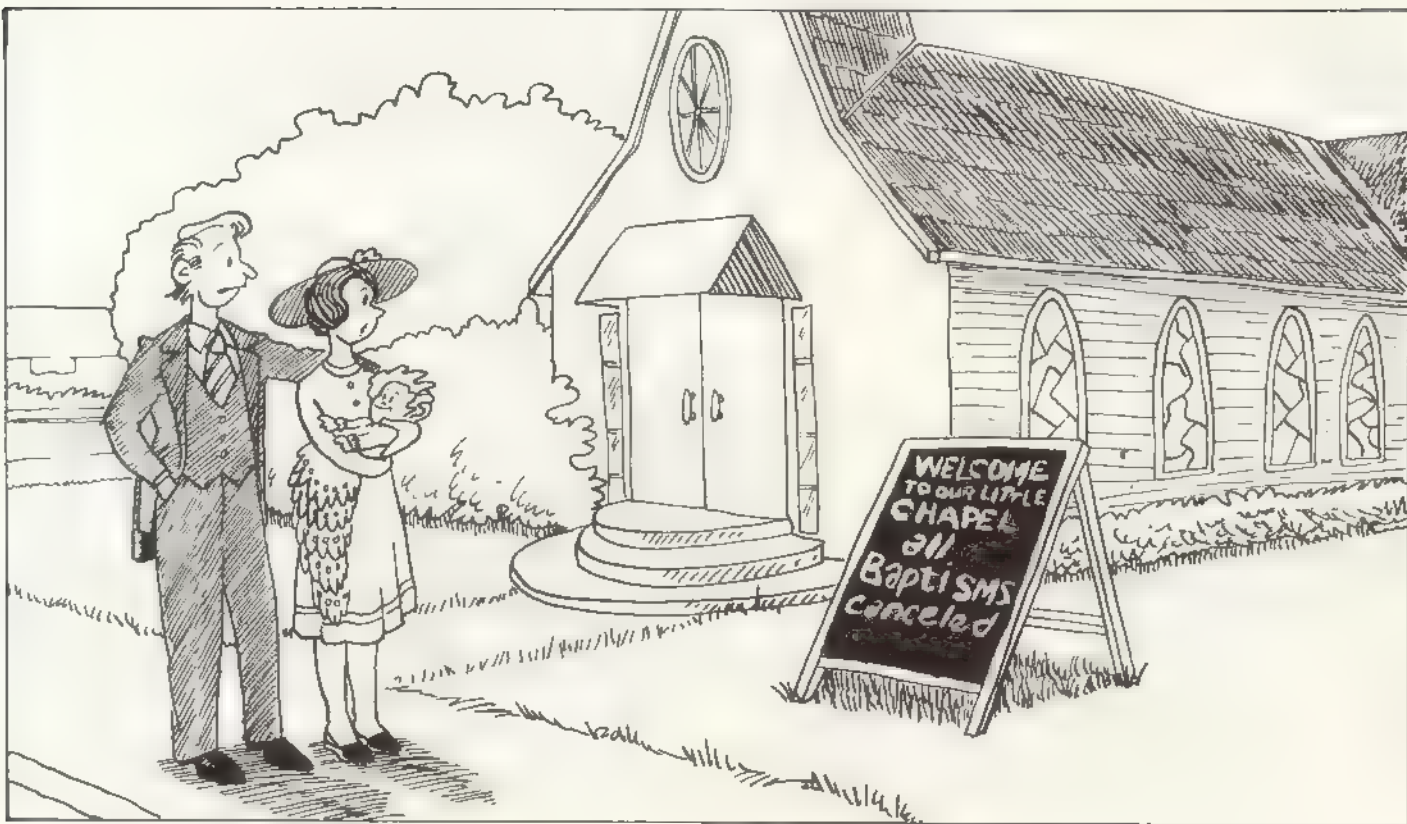
SOMEHOW,  
I KNEW.





OKAY MAC...THAT'S FIVE TO  
FOUR ON LUCKY'S MOTHER  
IN THE EIGHTH... AND TEN  
TO ONE ON RAIN NEXT  
TUESDAY.





MARTY AND DORIS HAVE BEEN  
HAVING A HECK OF A TIME  
KEEPING THEIR WATER USE DOWN.



WHAT WITH ALL THOSE KIDS AND  
A CONSTANT STREAM  
OF VISITORS...



THEY ENDED UP BUYING FLOW  
RESTRICTING DEVICES FOR  
EVERY FAUCET IN THE HOUSE.



BUT THE REAL COUP WAS CUTTING  
DOWN THAT FIVE GALLONS A  
FLUSH THE TOILET USED...

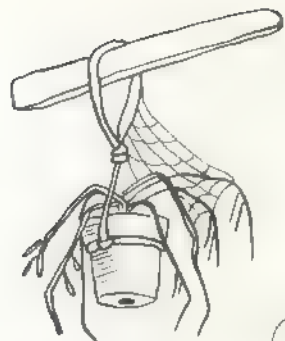


THEY POSTED A SIGN ON THE  
FLUSH HANDLE, "WARNING,  
HIGH VOLTAGE"!



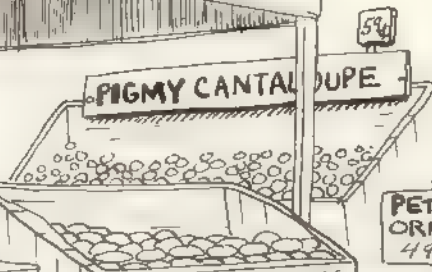
BUT THAT'S DANGEROUS!  
SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO  
FLUSH SOMETIME!



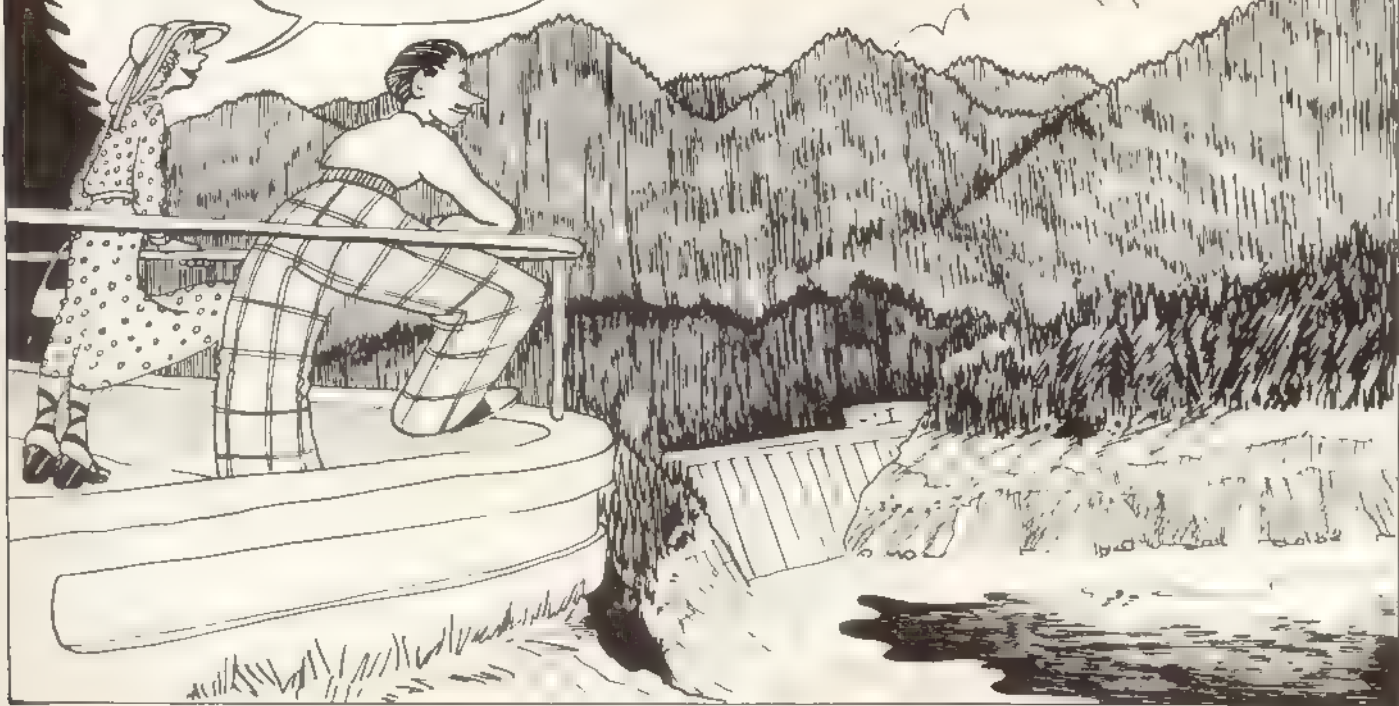




**MIDGET**  
**FRESH FRUIT** **FRESH *tiny* GARDEN PRODUCE**



OH! HOW ROMANTIC! JJ  
JUST LIKE THE  
DUST BOWL!



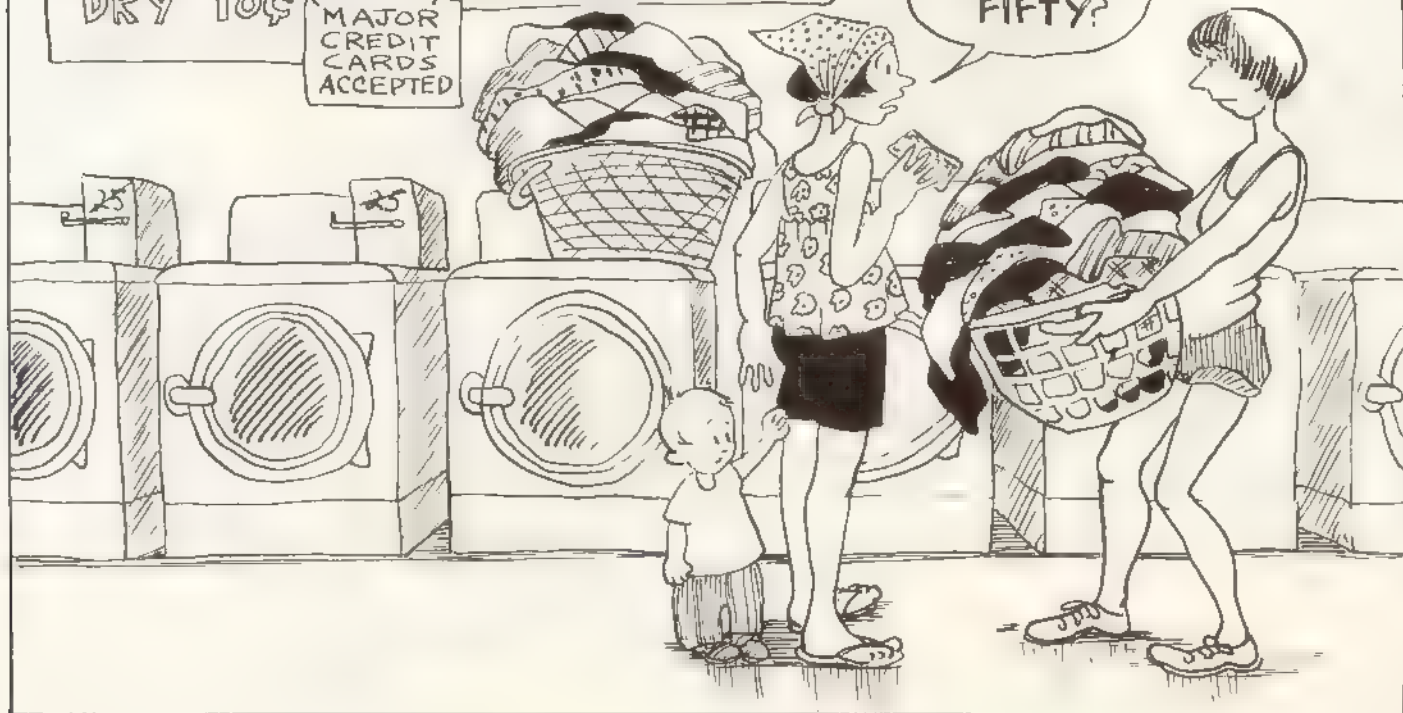


WASH ~~50¢~~ 80¢  
DRY 10¢

MAJOR  
CREDIT  
CARDS  
ACCEPTED

WASH \$3.00 RINSE \$2.00  
financing available

CAN YOU  
CHANGE A  
FIFTY?



SAY! HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW MUSCLES?

THESE PANTS DIDN'T USE TO BE THIS TIGHT.



WHAT WITH ALL THIS RECYCLING THE WATER AROUND THE HOUSE, I'M GETTING ALOT MORE EXCERCISE.

I WONDER IF I'M GAINING WEIGHT.



I CARRY TWO FIVE GALLON CANS OF BATH WATER OUT TO THE KITCHEN TO DO THE DISHES AT LEAST TWICE A DAY, NOT TO MENTION HAULING ANY EXCESS OUT TO THE GARDEN

I SHOULD LAY OFF THE BREAD.



WHAT'S SURPRISING IS HOW MUCH BETTER I FEEL ... NO BACK PROBLEMS OR ANYTHING.

OF COURSE IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THIS FABRIC TENDS TO SHRINK.



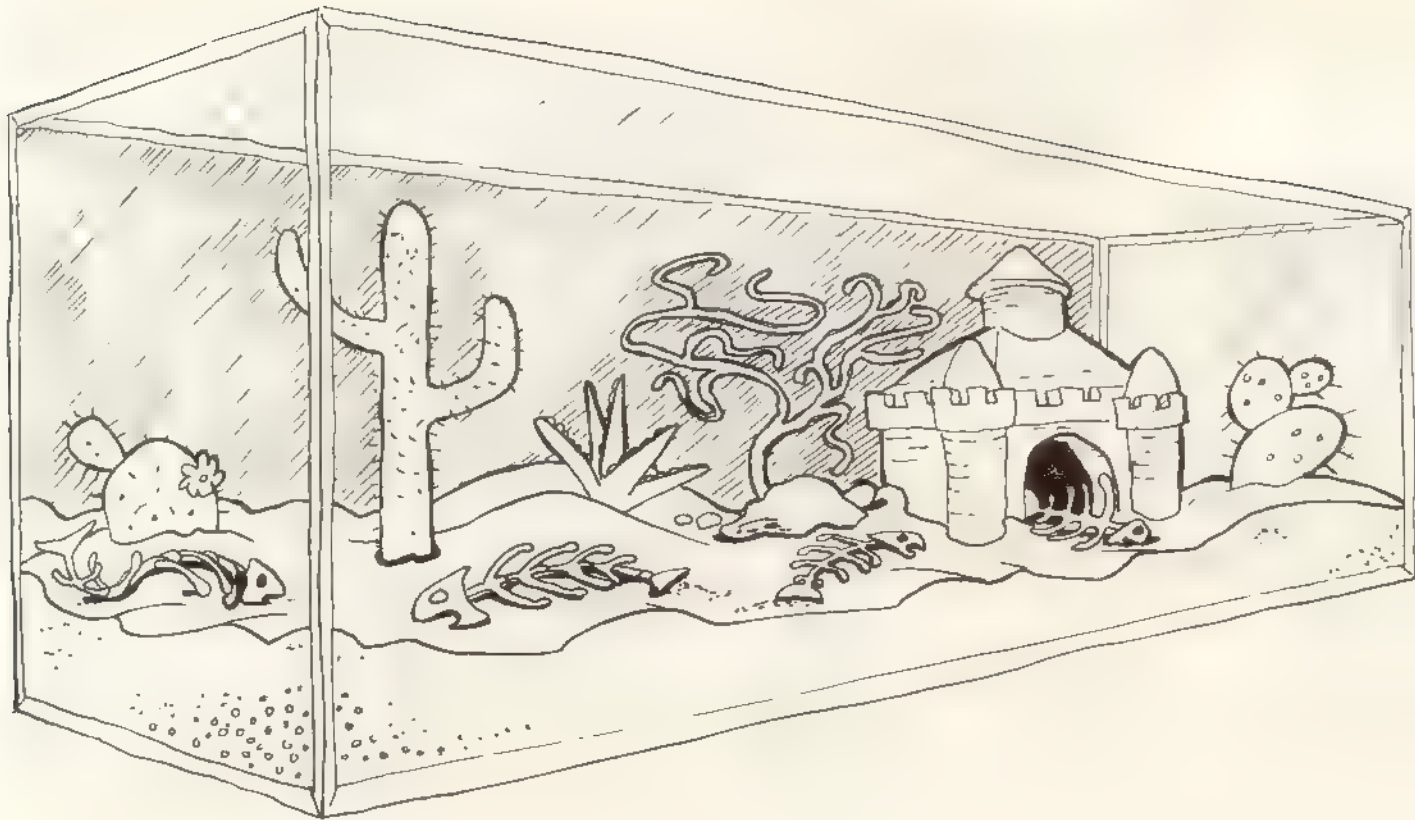
I'VE LOST A COUPLE OF POUNDS AND I THINK MY BUSTLINE IS IMPROVING, TOO.

I'M TOO YOUNG TO LOSE MY FIGURE.



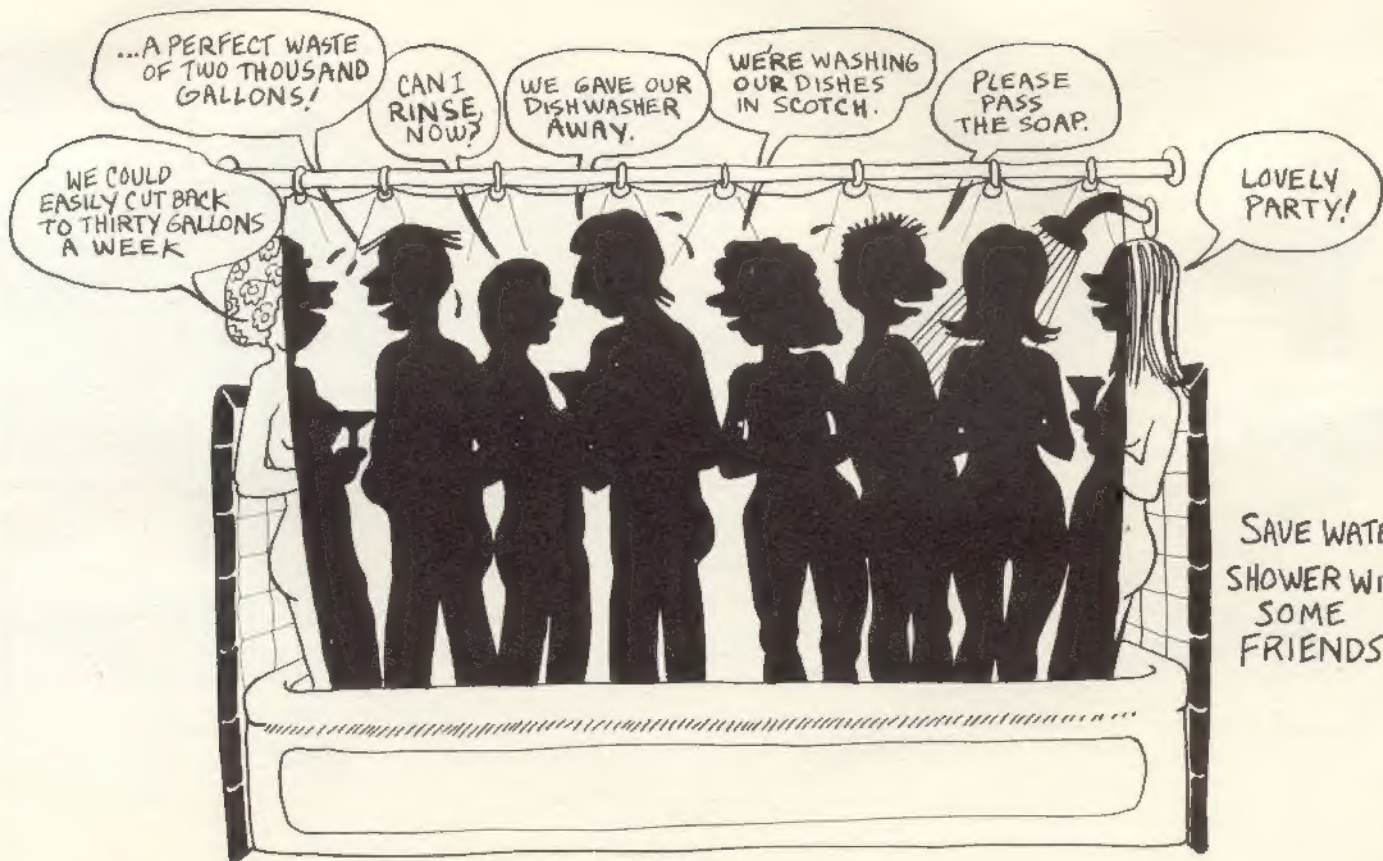
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT PREGNANT, DENISE? YOU'RE LOOKING A LITTLE PLUMP.







THE OPTIMIST



...A PERFECT WASTE  
OF TWO THOUSAND  
GALLONS!

CAN I  
RINSE  
NOW?

WE GAVE OUR  
DISHWASHER  
AWAY.

WE'RE WASHING  
OUR DISHES  
IN SCOTCH.

PLEASE  
PASS  
THE SOAP.

WE COULD  
EASILY CUT BACK  
TO THIRTY GALLONS  
A WEEK

LOVELY  
PARTY!

SAVE WATER.  
SHOWER WITH  
SOME  
FRIENDS.





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## A DRY ANALYSIS OF THE WATER SHORTAGE

